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FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1914.

—Weather forecast for South Carolina: Local showers Friday and probably Saturday, except generally fair near coast.

Garranza and Villa want the mediators to dispose of Huerta before taking up their case.

It is said that Cansler of Tirzah is coming in due time. Well, if Cansler enjoys it, let him come.

We suggest to the Hon. John G. Richards, Jr., that he come back at the Hon. John L. McLaurin and show up his record.

Which is the best town, Anderson, Greenville or Spartanburg? It is up to Messrs. Banks, Booker and Herron to give in their evidence.

The statesman from Liberty Hill leaves the matter no longer in doubt, but lands himself, where everybody believes he has always been, in the Blease camp.

Trustees of the various schools of the county, if they have not already done so, should without further delay, secure the very best teachers for their schools.

Says Ben Tillman, "Whether peace will come by Governor Blease's defeat or not, I know the state's good name will be preserved and we will have a better senator here than if Blease is sent to Washington."

This is what Tillman says: "I am satisfied now that if Senator Smith bears himself like a man that this open alliance between Blease and McLaurin will only help to bury both of them."

McLaurin, in speaking of a drunk lawyer's greed, adds, "and God knows they are greedy enough sober." Well McLaurin ought to know for he has been one for a long time—his particular greed now being for the office of governor.

In a recent editorial criticism which was intended for The Rock Hill Herald we unintentionally made our remark apply to The Rock Hill Record, for which error we hasten to make our apologies to The Record.

No Democratic voter who subscribes to The News will have any excuse for not putting his name on the club roll, for we expect to keep the matter before our readers continuously from next Tuesday, when the books open, until they close.

McLaurin, candidate for governor, attempts to create the impression that Tillman is for Blease for United States senator, because Richards is for Blease. Such is not the case. Tillman has declared frequently that there was a vast difference between Tillmanism and Bleasism.

The Reunion Number of The Anderson Intelligencer is a splendid tribute to the United Confederate Veterans of the state, one which gives token of research, discrimination and a loyalty to the Lost Cause, which appeals to every descendant of the "men who wore the grey."

The statesman from Bennettsville compares the statesman from Liberty Hill to "Old Dog Tray," with a "bone in his mouth" grabbing at his reflection in the water and lost the substance for the shadow. John L. evidently dislikes the idea of sharing Cole L.'s coat-tail with John G. Jr.

IGNORANCE THE CURSE OF THE STATE.

We take the following extract from the speech of United States Circuit Judge Charles A. Wood, delivered at the commencement of Wathrop College:

"The greatest curse of our state is ignorance, said he. Turning to the graduates, Judge Woods admonished them that they should take the lead in their respective communities in those things that would make that community better. I know you will be met with the argument of the older persons who have been possessed with fixed ideas for years and who think they cannot be improved upon. You have learned many new ideas since coming to this grand institution, ideas that were not known a few years ago, and you should seek to cast out the old ones and replace them with those that are newer and better. You should be encouraged in this work, in which you should be the leaders. Be not afraid of your honest convictions, he said.

"Speaking of the ignorance prevailing in the state he declared that the older men, those who have been leading in public affairs, are responsible for this state of affairs. He declared in no uncertain tones that better facilities for enlightenment should be provided in the form of public libraries. The graduate of a college is at a disadvantage when he or she returns to the home town, in that they are intellectually starved through lack of proper equipment for nourishing the mind, consequently the intellect dwindles. Comparatively few homes in the state contain good books, which are the foundation of civilization. The discussion of small, contracted subjects means small contracted men and women, he said. We must have enlightened minds before we can properly conceive of the love of God and love our neighbor as ourselves."

Judge Woods has summed the matter up in a nutshell. Ignorance in South Carolina is largely responsible for all the ills we are now suffering from and the responsibility lies in a great measure at the door of the educated citizen in each community, who has been so intent on promoting individual interests, that he has neglected the duty of lending a helping hand to those less fortunate. The demagogue has taken advantage of this and under pretense of being a great friend of the masses, has won their confidence and then turned it to his own selfish advantage.

HELP THE CAUSE ALONG.

Some time ago the county Junior Order United American Mechanics inaugurated a movement to suppress vagrancy and the illicit sale of whiskey, both of which are great evils with us. To this end, pledges were signed by the members to the effect that they would not sign a surety bond of any one charged with these offenses and that they would assist all officers of the law in the enforcement of the whiskey laws of the state. The Juniors have appointed a committee, composed of J. S. Wilson, John T. Green and J. E. Blackmon, who are circulating a pledge to be signed by citizens not members of the order. We publish the form of the pledge elsewhere in this issue.

We wish to repeat, what we have said, editorially, before, that we are in hearty sympathy with this movement of the Junior Order, one of the most influential organizations in the county, and call upon all of our citizens to sign the pledge and unite with them in their effort to stamp out the illicit liquor sale curse, as well as the vagrancy evil. If the officers of the law, backed up by the people, will make the effort, every vagrant can be put to work and every blind tiger in town and county be made to shut up his den. Let us all, officers and citizens, join in with the Junior Order in their laudable undertaking.

The Newberry Observer classifies those dissatisfied with the new primary rules as follows: "So far as heard from, the new primary rules give general satisfaction except to the floaters and to the persons living along the border of the North Carolina state line." May we inquire of our contemporary under which of these classes the dissatisfied newspapers come?

McLaurin says Blease "is a versatile and shrewd politician," and has taken advantage of conditions "to transform himself into a people's idol and workingman's champion." And he adds, "I know this is all rot, but they believe it and that makes it true." And for this reason he claims he has been boosting Blease. Johnny was one time "a versatile and shrewd politician" himself, but the people found him out just as they have found out Blease.

Clubs Should Organize at Once.

We understand that the Pleasant Valley and Belair Democratic clubs and perhaps other clubs in the county have not yet organized. Such clubs, in order that Democratic citizens in their respective districts can vote, must meet on or before Tuesday next and organize by the election of a president and secretary and give due notice thereof to R. S. Stewart, county chairman, who will send them new club rolls for signatures.

HUERTA PREPARING RESIGN PRESIDENCY

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"The Mexican government accepted the mediation of the South American powers in a frank and open spirit and the Mexican delegation has been guided and will be guided in all its acts by perfect good faith.

"It should be unnecessary to say that President Huerta gave the Mexican delegation special instruction not to consent to anything which could hurt the sovereignty of the Mexican nation and to refuse a hearing in the deliberations of the conference to any thing which might be construed as an imposition from the outside.

NO OCCASION BEFORE

"For their own part, the delegates would not have accepted instructions of a different nature on these points; but they beg to state that hitherto they have had no occasion to refer to them, thanks to the exquisite tact of the mediation plenipotentiaries and to the circumspection of the American delegates.

"To treat of the interior pacification of Mexico in the course of deliberations on difficulties of an international character cannot be considered as submitting the sovereignty of the nation to an external influence, said pacification is necessarily bound up with the international questions.

"This has been appropriated by the Mexican delegation and is being forth the intentions of its government in the matter and in its endeavors to bring about the pacification it has been inspired by the knowledge that without it no satisfactory conclusion can be arrived at in the international questions."

Just before the statement was issued the Mexican delegates had a long conference with the mediators. Afterwards they telegraphed General Huerta to send them the names of the men who will be satisfactory to him for places in the new provisional government, which is to consist of two men chosen by Huerta, two by the Constitutionalists and a neutral provisional president, selected by common agreement of all parties. The first four are to compose the cabinet, but are to be morally obligated by the terms of any agreement reached here to share equally the responsibility of a fair administration, which will be expected not only to conduct a general election, but to make a beginning on internal reforms.

EAGERLY READ.

It was just before the mediators, the Mexican delegates and the American representatives entered the banquet given for them tonight by the Associated Canadian Clubs that the written copies of the position of General Huerta were given out.

The American commissioners read it eagerly. The Mexican delegates expressed their gratification that they had been able to make the announcement and confirm press reports on the subject. The mediators made no comment but the effect of the statement on the attitude of the Constitutionalists toward mediation was the subject of intense interest on all sides.

STRONG ARGUMENT.

By subordinating personalities and declaring themselves in favor of treating internal as well as international questions while not yielding their national sovereignty, the Mexican delegates, it was generally agreed here, had launched a strong argument against the Constitutionalist position. The general view was that if the Huerta representatives had found no impropriety in dealing here with the internal Mexican situation, the world generally would not approve of technical objections to the same course which might be offered by General Carranza.

Whether an armistice could be arranged was another topic of interest.

The mediators are known to feel that if the Constitutionalists are sincerely desirous of restoring peace in Mexico they could arrange an armistice for the days or two weeks without ceasing military preparations. The mediators are of the opinion that the next two or three days will develop clearly whether the Constitutionalists are really seeking peace.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION.

The explicit statement from the Huerta delegates encouraged the three diplomats greatly in that it set before the world as practically accomplished one of the principal points in the dispute between the United States and the Huerta government. The elimination of Huerta, though never before publicly admitted, nevertheless has been privately considered here the fundamental aim of the conferences.

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well as international affairs. The Zeubaran communication and its reply will be made public here tomorrow.

IS STILL IN THE RACE, SAYS J. L. M'LAURIN

Candidate Comments on Present Situation Regarding Gubernatorial Contest.

To the Editor of The News and Courier: The report is current that I have retired from the gubernatorial race; this is not true. It probably arose from the fact that the public sees that (in part) I have accomplished what I set out to do—restore harmony among our people. With peace and unity between Governor Blease and Senator Tillman I feel that I deserve the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Last fall Senator Tillman called upon me to "do penance." I was to sacrifice myself by entering the senatorial race to compass the defeat of Blease. For this "atonement" my sins were to be forgiven and the "enter thou into the joys of thy Lord" spoken later.

The role of "dog in the manger" has never appealed to me as either dignified or sensible. The idea of sacrifice, however, commends itself spiritually, and it is a grand thing to be in the company of the most illustrious of all the ages.

It has been apparent since 1912 that a determined attempt would be made to abridge suffrage in the primary. I looked upon this as peculiarly dangerous at this time, besides being opposed to the spirit of the age, which favors extension, not restriction of suffrage.

I believed that the only way to prevent it was to openly and boldly

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Due from Banks and Bankers	11,232.22	Individual Deposits Subject to Check	50,643.79
Currency	3,025.00	Time Certificates of Deposit	21,540.39
Gold	1,005.00	Certified Checks	1,453.74
Silver and Other Minor Coin	740.85	Cashier's Checks	31.31
Checks and Cash Items	314.76		
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